

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 414

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A RESOLUTION congratulating Sidney Spencer, member of the University of Tennessee Lady Volunteers 2007 National Championship team.

WHEREAS, in a spirited display of athleticism and teamwork, the University of Tennessee Lady Vols once again reign supreme, as they captured the coveted 2007 NCAA Women's Basketball Championship by soundly defeating Rutgers University, 59-46; and

WHEREAS, led by Coach Pat Summitt, the preeminent basketball coach in all of women's college basketball, the Lady Vols further etched their place in college basketball lore with the victory over the Scarlet Knights before a capacity crowd of mostly orange-clad faithful in Cleveland; and

WHEREAS, challenged by Coach Summitt in her pre-game talk to win for the throngs of faithful Lady Vol followers, the team responded in typical fashion by dominating Rutgers from the game's outset, firmly establishing Tennessee as the most successful basketball program in the history of women's intercollegiate athletics; and

WHEREAS, without the diligent work ethic and extraordinary talent of each team member, this astounding victory would not have been possible; one such team member is senior Sidney Spencer of Hoover, Alabama, who plays forward; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of Stephen and Janice Spencer, Ms. Spencer graduated from Hoover High School and is currently majoring in Sports Management; and

WHEREAS, during the 2005-2006 season, Ms. Spencer was named Philips Player of the Game against Ole Miss and was named to the SEC All-Tournament Team; she also scored her career high of twenty-one points against Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, during the 2004-2005 season, though injured, she played twenty-five games; she played all thirty-five games, averaging 5.5 points per game, as a rookie during the 2003-2004 season and made the All-SEC Freshman team; and

WHEREAS, overall, during her UT career, Ms. Spencer has scored 1,088 points, 501 rebounds, and 133 three-point field goals, securing her fourth place position in the UT record books; she has maintained high academic stature throughout her tenure, participating in the 2002 All-State Academic Team, the Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society, the National Honor Society, the French National Honor Society and making the UT Dean's List every semester; and

WHEREAS, beyond her athletic and academic accomplishments, Ms. Spencer has distinguished herself as a well-rounded citizen through participation in such worthy extracurricular activities as church youth groups, SAAC, the SCA Leadership team, and Student Athletes Against Tobacco; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly and Lady Vol fans everywhere take great delight in honoring each member of this extraordinary group of young women who have contributed mightily to the successful legacy of University of Tennessee Women's Basketball; and

WHEREAS, Sidney Spencer's determination, work ethic, and talent have not only made possible a memorable and successful basketball career, but also surely point toward her success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, Sidney Spencer epitomizes the spirit of volunteerism and commitment to excellence that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Sidney Spencer, forward for the University of Tennessee Lady Volunteers 2007 National Championship team, for her hard work and determined play during the 2006-2007 season and wish her every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copies.